

TRUTH

Set in a Clear LIGHT,
and in a clear light,
BY

Henry Stanyford.

Being a VINDICATION of Himself
from a False and Scandalous Accusation
to Sir John Gibson, Lieutenant Gover-
nour of Portsmouth, against him; and a
Malicious and False Representation of
Him in the Post-Boy, No. 2435. and
Dated the 21st of December, 1710.

Dated the 21st of December



London
LONDON:

Printed in the YEAR, 1711.

UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT



WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

LAND OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

TRUTH *Set in a Clear Light,*

B Y

Henry Stanyford, &c.

AS I never could have once thought through the Conduct of my whole Life, that ever I should have the least Occasion Publickly to justify myself, in respect to my Zeal and Affection to Her MAJESTY and Her Government (every day of my Life sufficiently manifesting to all that I Converse with, or that know me without Prejudice) the Sincerity and Heartiness of my Zeal and most Dutiful Affection for Her MAJESTY, and the whole Constitution, both in Church and State; so it is with great Reluctancy and Concern that I Publish this my *Vindication* from that False and Scandalous Libel sent to Sir John Gibson against me: And also that False and Malicious Paragraph in the *Post-Boy*, of the 21st of December, 1710. Concerning me. Which Villanous Publication, lays me under an indispensable Obligation so to do; which otherwise I should not have had the least thought of.

Who those Persons are that have endeavour'd to do me this great Mischief, I am at a loss to know; but let them be who they will that are so implacably malicious against me, without the least Reason; I dare Challenge him or them to give me any Instance wherein I have wittingly or willingly Prejudiced him or them in Word or Deed, or given the least Reason for

such Usage as I have lately met with; a True and Impartial Relation of which is as follows, (*viz.*)

On *Monday* Morning the 27th of *November* last, I went (as usual) to *Mrs. Cloakes* Coffee-House on the Point, where I found *Dr. Smith*, *Mr. Brown*, and others, sitting at the Table on the Right Hand going in; with whom I sate down; who were then talking with each other, about the *Power of an English Convocation, the manner of Calling them, &c.* From thence they (that is *Dr. Smith*, and *Mr. Brown*) fell on the Topick of *Passive Obedience* and *Non-Resistance*, and of Obedience due to Supreme and Subordinate Magistrates; and also of the Energy of our Laws. On which Arguments, several then present spoke their Sentiments, and my self among the rest. Though it be impossible to Recollect every word that was spoke at that time, and by whom, yet this I do and will Assert, That Her MAJESTY's Title to the Crown in any respect (whilst I was there) was no part of the Debate; and that I did not (nor any one else that I observed) directly or indirectly speak any thing in the least disrespectful of Her MAJESTY, or of Her Title to the Crown; or any part of the Constitution either in Church or State.

During my stay there at that time, which was not long, having Business at the Ordinance Office at the lower end of the Point, whither I went, and left *Dr. Smith*, *Mr. Brown*, and the other Company in Discourse; *Ergo*, If the Opponent (*Dr. Smith*) was indecently hiss'd out of the Room, as is express'd in the Libel (for which Suggestion upon Enquiry I could not find the least Reason) with Submission to the better Judgment of my Adversaries, that ought not to be attributed to me.

I am

I am fully Convinced that whatever was said there by any one then in Company, might have been spoke in *Westminster-Hall*, or in the QUEENS Presence, without the least offence: For the Truth of which, I Appeal to all that were then present in the Coffee-Room, and unprejudiced; who as near as I can Recollect, were the Gentlemen following, (*viz.*)

At the Table where I sat, and where the Dispute happen'd, were Dr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Brown*, who were the main Disputants (if what happen'd must be so call'd) Mr. *Richard Farington*, Mr. *Thomas Hammond*, Mr. *Robert Newnham*, and my self. In the Room, and at other Tables, were Mr. *Beverly*, Mr. *Edward Harman*, Mr. *Vineing*, Mr. *John White*, Mr. *Chapman*, and Mr. *John Hammond*; and Three Strangers whom I knew not, nor have I reason to believe that any of them knew me, Dr. *Smith*, or Mr. *Brown*; and consequently could not be the Author of the said Libel. But if any other Gentlemen were there at that time, as I believe there were, I do readily Appeal to them also for the Truth of what I have here asserted.

However, as Accidental, Innocent and Friendly as this Discourse was, and which I dare say none there present took to be otherwise, not one angry word passing between any there, or the least Reflection on Account of Principles, or otherwise, yet it has given Birth to that false and Scandalous Libel sent to Sir *John Gibson* against me; and also that Malicious Representation of me in the *Post-Boy*; both which are Anonymous, and ought to be (as I observe they are) with the Authors, whoever they be, justly Abhor'd and Condemn'd by all Good Men. The Libel sent to Sir *John Gibson*, is as follows.

Portsmouth,

Portsmouth, 28th of November, 1710.

Honourable Sir,

I Was Yesterday unhappily at Cloak's Coffee-House, where I heard Her MAJESTY'S Hereditary Right and Title to the Crown, most Unmannerly Disputed; the Doctrine of Resistance Justified, and at length, the Opponent most Indecently Hiss'd out of the Room.

I am not well enough Acquainted with the Laws of the Land, to know how Criminal it is to Question the Sovereign's Right: In other Countries, I have heard it meets with severe Punishments: But if there be none Assign'd by our Laws, for such Insolent Offenders, then Brown, the Presbyterian Parson, and Stanyford the QUEEN'S Master-House-Carpenter, ought to go Free, otherwise to be Taken up, and Oblig'd, at least to find Sureties for their Good Behaviour.

And I think, as you are Her MAJESTY'S Liutenant Governor here, and Justice of the Peace for the County, it highly concerns you, to enquire into the Premises, and do therein, as in your great Sagacity and Wisdom shall seem meet.

Dr. Smith, can particularly Inform you of the whole Debate, he has Honesty enough to do it, even to their Heads, though he wants Money or Courage to Prosecute such Incendiaries; who, I am told, make it their Business Daily in the Coffee-Houses, to Alienate the Duty and Affections of Her MAJESTY'S good Subjects, from Her Sacred Person, and beget Misunderstandings among Her People.

If upon Inquiry, you do not find this true; have no regard for the future, to any Letter that shall come to you,
Subscribed by

Z. O.

Within

Within a Day or two after the said Libel was sent to Sir John Gibson; I had an Intimation of it, and also, in part the Contents of the same; at which I was greatly surprized; being Conscious to my self, that I had never given the least occasion for any such Asper-
 sion; but always behaved my self, (as I thought) In-
 sensibly in all Conversation.

The next Morning, after I had the Intimation; I went to Dr. Smith's, to speak with him about the same, who was then at Home, my first Question to him was, whether he Remembred what was said the Monday before, at the Point Coffee-House, when He, and Mr. Brown had that Debate, and whether he heard me, or any one Else, at that time there, speak Treason, or any thing that was Unmannerly, and Disrespectful of Her MAJESTY, or Her Title to the Crown, or any Part of the Constitution? at which Question, the Dr. seem'd to me, to be surprized; and Ask'd my Rea-
 sons for putting such Questions to him? *Have there* (said he) *been any Improvement made of what was then said there?* To which I answered, Yes, — I think with a Witness, and struck wholly at me, who had the least share in the Discourse. I then told him of the Letter that was sent to Sir John Gibson, and as much of the Contents as was Intimated to me, or I at that time could Remember: At which he was startled (or seemed to me to be so) and said, *he could not believe any such Letter could be framed, from any thing said there at that time, by any one then present; and that there was not one Word said by me, or any one Else, that he observ'd, that could give any Offence. Saying, the Dispute was almost wholly between himself, and Mr. Brown; and that it was altogether Accidental, Neighbourly, and Friendly, and without any Design; and that he was so well pleased with the Conversation of Mr. Brown, that he intended to make him*
a Visit,

17
 696
 Foster
 Pearce
 Will
 Gibson
 Coopers
 Dobson
 Gifford
 Harr
 Campbell
 Campin
 Common
 Harlton
 Carlor
 Carpin
 Comp
 Chaur
 Charib

a Visit, and take a Pipe with him. And then told me, Sir John Gibson had just sent for him, and it may be (said he) it is about this Letter; if so, I shall see it. Upon which, we then Parted.

In the Evening I went with Mr. Newnham, to spend an Hour or two with Dr. Smith, at his House; and to know if he had seen the Letter. Whom we found at Home; we were very Civilly Received, and Courteously Treated by the Doctor. After we were fate down, I Ask'd the Doctor whether he had seen that Scandalous Libel that Sir John Gibson had against me, and what he thought of it? He Reply'd, with much Eagerness and Indignation, *That he had seen it, and that it was a Malicious, False, and Villanous Accusation; and that he himself would give Twenty Pounds to know the Author.*

Whilst the Doctor was gone down Stairs (for we were in a Room above) I shew'd Mr. Newnham a Paper I had that Day Wrote, for the Doctor to Sign, to Justifie my Innocence, and to Obviate the Accusation: Says Mr. Newnham, *There is no doubt but he will Readily Sign it, being only matter of Fact* (a Copy of which Paper you will have annexed to his Affidavit) the Doctor quickly after coming up, fate down again with us; and after a little Previous Discourse, I said to him: Well Doctor you are satisfied now that there is such a Letter, and that it is False and Malicious? He Immediately answered, *Yes that I am:* Then said I, I desire you will Sign me that Paper; giving him the Paper before mentioned; which he took, and began to Read: But before he had Read it half through, he laid it down on the Table, and said, *I know not what it is; But be it what it will, I desire you will Excuse me from Signing any Paper; For (says he) I will not Concern my self in this matter, one way or other* Upon which, I took up the Paper, and said, Doctor you are not aware of what
is

is in it; I will Read it to you, and if any thing be Contain'd therein that you cannot justly Sign to, I will not desire it: And then I Read it to him accordingly; and Ask'd him what there was in that Paper he could not Sign, or whether it contain'd Unthruths? Who presently answered, *That it was every word True, and what he could Sign with safety, and that he should be very Glad to serve me:* But still desired to be Excused from Signing any Paper. I then told the Doctor, I did not ask it as a Favour from him; but as a Piece of Justice; such as I could not Refuse the worst Enemy I had, on the like occasion. I then Expostulated with him, and told him, by what I could Learn, the Strefs of the whole Accusation was laid on him, and that by him, I was either to be Justified, or Condemned; and that therefore his Signing that Paper, would to all Intents, as Effectually put a Stop to, and Obviate the Ill Effects of that Villanous Libel: as the Affidavits of all that were then present in the *Coffee-Room*; and therefore desired to know his Reasons for Refusing me that Certificate; since he own'd it contain'd nothing but Fact. His Answer was, *He would not Involve himself in any Controversie with Sir John Gibson; He having (as he then said) Refused to Sign a Paper that Sir John desired him to Sign, Relating to this matter; and that I need not Concern my self at it, for to be sure I should hear no more of it; and that he Believed it would go no further: For (said he) all Anonymous Authors are Rogues, and not to be Regarded.* I then Reply'd, That I could not Conceive the meaning of those Reasons he gave; and said to him, Shall your Refusing to Sign a Paper, to Confirm a false Accusation, be a Reason why you will not Sign to the Truth? Or (said I) Shall I through Fear of any Man in *England*, Refuse to Certifie matter of Fact: Is there any thing False or Unreasonable in the Paper I desire you to Sign? He An-

swer'd me again, *No—it is all True.* Then said I, *why cannot you Sign it?* His immediate Answer was, *I will Swear it, if you desire me.* Upon which, I said, *Doctor, I desire you will Swear it.* His Answer was, *Yes—when I am Legally call'd to it.*

Finding the Doctor persevered in his Resolutions of not giving me his Certificate, and said, *he would not Sign it for Five Hundred Pounds;* I took my leave of him, sooner than otherwise it may be I should have done; telling him, I did not, nor had not desired any Favour from him, nor any thing but what in Justice he ought readily to have done; and that I could never have entertain'd the least thought that either he could or would have refused me; and then wish'd him a good Night, and came away with Mr. Newnham.

Observing that Dr. Smith said, *he believ'd he had anger'd Sir John Gibson, by refusing to Sign the Paper he offer'd him;* and having good reason to believe from Sir John Gibson's late Usage of me, and his violent Expressions against me (which I had heard from several Persons, though I thank God, I can boldly speak it, I never gave him the least occasion for it) *that he would improve the said false Accusation as much as was in his Power, to my detriment.*

I therefore thought it highly reasonable, since the Doctor refused me his Certificate, to Enquire of all those that I knew, or could meet with, who were then in the Coffee-Room, whether they did observe what was said, and by whom, in that Debate? and whether they heard me speak any thing unmannerly, or disrespectful of Her MAJESTY, or Her Title to the Crown, or any part of the Constitution, either in Church or State. This I did as soon as possible I could; and not one of all I spoke with, but readily Reply'd, *They heard not one word from me, or any one else,*

else, that was in the least unmannerly, or disrespectful of Her MAJESTY, Her Title, or Government, or any thing that in the most strain'd Construction, could amount to any thing contain'd in the Accusation; which I Repeated to them, as far as I knew, or could remember.

Then I desir'd Mr. *Newnham* to make an Affidavit of what he knew, of my Innocency, and of the Conversation that was between Dr. *Smith* and me, on the 1st of this Instant *December*; which he readily did. I also desired Mr. *Richard Farington*, and Mr. *Thomas Hammond*, to give me their Affidavits of what they knew of this Matter, which they also most willingly and readily did; well knowing what pass'd at that time there; all of them being at the Table with Dr. *Smith*, Mr. *Brown*, and my self, all the time I was there.

All I talk'd with who were then there, would readily have given me their *Affidavits* that they did not hear me speak any word Reflecting on, or in the least unmannerly of Her MAJESTY, or Her Title to the Crown, or any part of the Constitution. But those being not at the Table with us, it may be did not mind all that pass'd (as some of them told me they did not) so I desired no such thing from them. The *Affidavits* that were made, are as follows.

Borough of Ports- } **R** Obert Newnham of Portsmouth,
mouth. *in the County of Southampton,*
Apothecary, maketh Oath, That he hath heard that a Letter
hath been sent to the Honourable Sir John Gibson Knight,
Lieutenant Governour of Portsmouth, without any Name
Subscribed thereto; which Charges (as this Deponent hath
been inform'd) that Henry Stanyford did on Monday
Morning the 27th of November last, at the Royal Navy
Coffee-House on the Point, in Company and hearing of
Dr. William Smith, unmannerly Dispute against Her
B 2 MAJESTY's

MAJESTY's Title to the Crown, &c. and he this Deponent was on the same Day at the said Coffee-House, in Company with the said Henry Stanyford, and others, all the time he continued there, and heard the Discourse between him, and the said Dr. Smith, and did not hear the said Henry Stanyford, or any other Person then in Company, utter any words, or make any Reflections against Her MAJESTY'S Person, Title to the Crown, or the present Constitution in Church or State. And this Deponent further maketh Oath, that he did on the first Day of this Instant December, in the Evening, go with the said Henry Stanyford to the House of the said Dr. Smith; who in the Presence and hearing of this Deponent, declared that he had seen the aforesaid Letter, and that the Charge therein on the said Henry Stanyford, was altogether False and Malicious, and would give Twenty Pounds willingly to know the Author, and that he had refused to Sign a Paper relating to this Affair, which the said Sir John Gibson desired him to Sign; being well satisfied that no Reflections were made at that time by the said Henry Stanyford, or any other Person then in Company, on Her MAJESTIES Person, Title to the Crown, or the present Constitution in Church or State. Whereupon the said Henry Stanyford desired the said Dr. Smith to Sign a Paper Writing, to clear him of the said Charge; which he refused to do, giving for Reason, That he would not involve himself in any Controversie with Sir John Gibson; but own'd, that what was contain'd in the said Paper was True, and what he would readily Swear to, when Legally call'd to give his Testimony. And this Deponent farther Deposeth, that the Paper Writing hereunto Annexed, is a True Copy of the Paper which the said Henry Stanyford desired the said Dr. Smith to Sign.

*Furat. Apud Portsmouth in Com. Southton,
Quinto Die Decembris Anno Dom.
1710. Coram me,*

Robert Newnam.

Henry Seagar, Mayor.

The PAPER I offer'd Dr. Smith to Sign, is
as follows, (*Viz.*)

Portsmouth, Decemb. the 1st, 1710.

BEing in the Coffee-House on the Point, known by the Name of the Royal Navy Coffee-House, on Monday Morning last, the 27th of November, and accidentally falling into the Argument of Passive Obedience, and Non-Resistance, &c. with Mr. Brown, and others, it happen'd Mr. Henry Stanyford came in, and sate down in Company with us, after the Argument was begun, and went from thence before I left the same; during all which time, not one word was said by Mr. Henry Stanyford (or any one else that I observed) that in the least Reflected on Her MAJESTY, or Her Title to the Crown, or any part of the Constitution, either in Church or State; and this I am ready to Testifie, being there before he came in, and during his whole stay at that time, and some time after he went thence; and that I do heartily believe him a Person sincerely Affected to Her MAJESTY, and the whole Constitution now Establisht by Law.

A True Copy, R. N.

Mr. Richard Farington's, and Mr. Thomas
Hammond's Affidavit.

Borough of Portf-
mouth. } **T**Homas Hammond, and Richard
Farington, both of Portsmouth,
in the County of Southampton, Gentlemen; do severally
make Oath, that they have heard that a Letter hath been
sent to the Honourable Sir John Gibson Knight, Lieute-
nant

nant Governour of Portsmouth, without any Name Subscribed thereto; which Charges (as these Deponents have been Inform'd) that Henry Stanyford, on Monday Morning the 27th of November last, at the Royal-Navy Coffee-House on the Point, in Company and hearing of Dr. William Smith, did there unmannerly Dispute against Her MAJESTIES Title to the Crown, &c. And these Deponents do severally further make Oath, that they were the same Day at the said Coffee-House, in Company with the said Henry Stanyford, and others, all the time he continued there, and heard the Discourse at that time between him, and the said Dr. Smith, and others; and did not hear the said Henry Stanyford, or any other Person then in Company, utter any words, or make any Reflection against Her MAJESTIES Person, Title to the Crown, or the present Constitution in Church or State.

*Furat. Apud Portsmouth, in Com. South.
Sexto Die Decembris, Anno Dom.
1710. Coram me,*

R. Farington.

Henry Seagar, Mayor.

Tho. Hammond.

These Affidavits were all I intended in my own Defence, till I was Inform'd by several Persons that my Accusation had made a mighty noise among several People; and that by the Crafty Insinuations of some, and positive Assertions of others of my Adversaries, many were imposed on, and did believe that I was really Guilty of what by that Anonymous Letter I was Charg'd with. I therefore thought my self oblig'd to do what I could to find out the Author; which I resolv'd to do, by offering Five Guineas for the Discovery. This I had Published long before, had I not been perswaded against it by several of my Friends; upon a Supposition that we should hear no more thereof, and that

that it would be impossible thereby to find out the Author. But when I was so happy as to get a Copy of the said Letter, and found it to be more Villanous than I was before aware of, and my self Charg'd with being an Incendiary, and one that made it my Business daily in the Coffee-Houses, to Aleniate the Duty and Affections of Her MAJESTIES good Subjects from Her SACRED PERSON, and beget Misunderstandings among Her People. I must confess, at my first Reading thereof, I was more surprized than ever, though I am satisfied, if the worst Enemy I have in the Kingdom, (who hath any Personal Knowledge of me) were asked whether he believ'd me Guilty or not of any such Crime, he would readily Acquit me. And I do desie all Mankind to Charge me with any Action of my whole Life, that in the least tended thereto. That False and Malicious Paragraph in the *Post-Boy*, coming out a little after I had obtain'd a Copy of the Letter, and before I had put up any Publication, I then resolved to offer a Reward of Twenty Guineas, for Discovery of the Author; which I did in these Words.

Portsmouth, Decemb. the 20th, 1710.

WHereas a False Malicious and Scandalous Libel was sent by way of Letter, Sign'd Z. O. to Sir John Gibson, Dated the 28th of November last, by an unknown Author, and brought to him about that time, by an unknown Hand, grossly Reflecting upon Henry Stanyford, one of the Aldermen of this Town.

If the Person who carried the said Letter to Sir John Gibson's, will come to the Mayor, or any of the Justices of the Peace of this Town, and acknowledge his carrying of the same, and make Discovery on Oath who was the Author of the said Letter, or who employ'd him to be the Messenger,

fenger, so as that the Author may be Detected, shall have a Reward of Twenty Guineas Paid him, by

Henry Stanyford.

Which Publication was put up first at the *Market-House*, on *Saturday* the 23d of *December*, in the Evening, but before the next Morning was pull'd down again; I suppose by some body that would not have the Author discover'd. I then order'd several to be Pasted on to Boards, and Nailed up; one at the *Market-House*, one at the *Point-Gate*, one at *Key-Gate*, and one to be laid at each *Coffee-House* in the *Town* and *Point*, which was done accordingly. I also sent one of them to *London*, with Direction to have it put into the *Post-Man*; which I had not once thought of doing, had not that base Representation of me been Published in the *Post-Boy*; which was in these words.

☞ “ We hear from *Portsmouth*, That Mr. *Stanyford*,
 “ Master House-Carpenter to the Ordinance, and
 “ one of the New-made Justices for that Town;
 “ did in the Publick *Coffee-House*, with the Assist-
 “ ance of one *Brown* a **Presbyterian Parson**,
 “ not only deny and most unmannerly dispute Her
 “ MAJESTIES Hereditary Title to the Crown,
 “ but justifie the Doctrine of *Resistance*; and be-
 “ cause he was handsomely opposed by a Gentle-
 “ man of good Learning, he told the Gentleman
 “ after a most insolent manner, *That he was not*
 “ *fit to Live in a Free Country, but in France, or*
 “ *some other Tyrannical Government.*

Which piece of Envy runs so parallel with the Letter sent to Sir *John Gibson*, in its Malice and Design, that there is no room to doubt, but that he or they that
 was

was the Author of the former, was also the occasion of the latter; and I suppose did believe they had not done me mischief enough by that——(I mean with respect of my Business with the Ordinance-Board) therefore was in hopes of doing it more effectually by this; as may be easily perceived by the words in the *Post-Boy*. Wherein, that he might not have occasion afterwards to Explain himself who he meant, he says plainly, *it was Mr. Stanyford---Master Carpenter to the Ordinance*. And then, to render me as obnoxious as was in his Power, and consequently a very unfit Person to be Employ'd in Her MAJESTIES Service. He tells the World *That I, with the Assistance of one Brown a Presbyterian Parson, did, &c.* Whereas Mr. Brown was Principal in that Argument: And except it be now and then at that *Coffee-House*, I believe I may say, I never was Six times in Mr. Brown's Company in my Life; tho' he hath Lived in Town many Years; not that I believe it any Crime to Converse with him.

The Honourable Gentlemen of the Ordinance-Board, I hope know me better, than to entertain any ill Opinion of me; and I have not the least reason to think that Anonymous Letters and Advertisements will any way Influence them; so that I doubt not but my Adversaries may and will be disappointed in the Design of their Persecution.

I make no question but that some People may naturally Object, especially those who are but little Acquainted with *Portsmouth*, and say, *Certainly none could be so Base, and Unchristian, as to Calumniate Persons without any Reason*. But those I Answer; That I have very good Reason to Conclude, that it principally (if not wholly) proceeds from our Long and most Unhappy Divisions in our CORPORATION (who formerly used to be very Unanimous) to Demonstrate which, I

must give a short Narrative of the Occasion of our Misunderstandings; which have been and (with Concern I speak it) still are fomented among us by some People.

About Four Years since, it was thought Reasonable and Expedient to fill up the Vacancies in the Court of Aldermen, Three at that time being wanting. And accordingly, Mr. *Harford* then Mayor, issued his Summons to all the Aldermen to Meet, and Choose New Aldermen: They Met, pursuant to the same; but being unhappily Divided in their Affections and Inclinations, Five against Five, no Election was made.

The Aldermen then Living, were Mr. *Harford* Mayor, Mr. *Hedger*, Mr. *Deacon*, Mr. *Vineing*, and Mr. *Harman* on the one side; ----- Mr. *Seagar*, Mr. *John Thomas*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Whitehorne*, and Mr. *Maydman*, on the other. The former miscarrying in their Intentions, did (some of them) by their Agents, endeavour by indirect Practices to bring over to their Side, first one, and then another to joyn with them in making such Persons Aldermen as they should Nominate to them. But failing in their Design, and Mr. *Hedger* and Mr. *Deacon* dying soon after, and finding it impossible to attain their End in having such Persons for Aldermen, as they desired, they then resolved to keep the Mayoralty Alternately in the Three Surviving Aldermen on that Side; (which they found they had Interest enough with the Out Burgesses to do) viz. Mr. *Vineing*, Mr. *Harford*, and Mr. *Harman*, and think no more of making Aldermen; which they did accordingly, till the Death of Mr. *Harford*, who Died in his Second Mayoralty, in December, 1709.

I own I was always on the Side of these in all Elections, and with Zeal and Affection too, till within two or

or Three Years past, seeing their Design, and observing their Practices, I must confess made me grow Cool; for I heartily desired for the Good and Quiet of the Town and Corporation, that the Court of Aldermen might be Amicably fill'd up, let the Lot fall on whomsoever it would; for I never made the least Interest to be one of that Number, nor did I expect so to be.

Upon the Death of Mr. *Harford* then Mayor, about the middle of *December*, 1709. A Successor by *Charter* must be Chosen by the Surviving Aldermen out of their own Number; who then were thought to be Five to Two. But one of the Five (*viz.*) Mr. *Thomas*, being Indisposed, could not be at the Election. The Senior Alderman Issuing his Summons to his Brethren to Meet and Choose a Mayor for the remaining part of the Year. They met accordingly, except as above; and it was generally believed, being (as it was thought) Four to Two, that they would have Elected Mr. *Maydman* Mayor, for whom they had long contended. But Mr. *Vineing*, &c. Resolved at any rate to prevent Mr. *Maydman*'s being made Mayor, from whom they had received a great deal of Trouble in Mr. *Harman*'s Mayoralty; which they effectually did, by their Insinuations with one of the Four on the other side. First, by perswading him to Scratch (or Vote) for himself; telling him, *it was his Right, as being an Old Alderman; and that if he would do so, they would also give him their Scratches (or Votes) and so make an Equality; that is, Three against Three, and then declare him Mayor, as being the Elder Alderman.* Which, upon Consideration, he did not think fit to do. Then they press'd him to give his Scratch for Mr. *Whitehorne*, which he consented to: And accordingly, though Mr. *Whitehorne* Scratch'd for Mr. *Maydman*, yet he had Three Scratches as well as Mr. *Maydman*; and being the Elder Alderman, he was

declared Mayor, to his great Surprize; and by all agreed to be a good Election, and was Sworn Accordingly. So that Mr. *Whitehorne* is wholly oblig'd to Mr. *Vining*, Mr. *Harman*, and Mr. *Bissell*, for his being at that time made Mayor, contrary to all expectation. Yet they, and their Agents, are the only Persons who Prosecutes and Pursues him, for taking on him the Mayoralty; tho' they then declared that he was Legally so; and that they would stand by him, and Support him in the same.

Some small time after, the Mayor Resolved to increase the Court of Aldermen, by adding Three to their Number. And accordingly Issued his Summons to the Surviving Aldermen, to meet on *Monday* the 2d of *January* following, in the Evening, to Choose Three New Aldermen. The Gentlemen on the other side, well knowing they could not have such Persons Elected as they desired, Resolved by one means or other to prevent any Election at all at that time. And accordingly, tried by their Agents, to work on the Mayor, by their Old Method of Bribes, to bring him off from Proceeding to the intended Election. Which, when they could not effect, they then set upon Mr. *Maydman*; and although they themselves prevented his being made Mayor; yet (as I have heard) by perswading him, he lost being so; by the Treachery of his own Party (as they call'd it) or by what other Artifice, let the World judge. However, they so wrought upon him, that he came into their measures; though they, of all the whole CORPORATION, not long before, had been at the greatest Enmity. They met, and proceeded to Election, pursuant to the Summons: But as they agreed to Choose Three Aldermen, and no more; so in Conclusion, Five Burgesses having Three Scratches each, no Three of them could Claim a Majority. So they all agreed it was a void Election.

After

After which, finding the Mayor could not be wrought upon by that Method they thought most likely to prevail, they then resolved to do it by Threats; they, or their Agents giving out, *That if he would be easie, and not think of making Aldermen, he should wear out his Mayoralty in Peace; but if he proceeded to Elect New Aldermen, they would turn him out, and ruine him (though they themselves made him Mayor)* in hopes no doubt to prevent him, that thereby they might have the Mayoralty again the *Michaelmas* following.

But this did not fright the Mayor from doing what he thought he was indispensably Oblig'd to do; and what had been a long time contended for. So that in *April* following, Mr. *John Thomas* (who lives at *Southwicke*) being pretty well Recover'd, and coming to Town, made the Majority to be Four to Three. The Mayor then again Summon'd the Aldermen, and did meet, and Chose Two New Aldermen, and Swore them such accordingly.

In *May* following he Summon'd again, and then Three New Aldermen were Elected, and Sworn; of which Number, I was one. And quickly after, a Sixth Alderman was Elected and Sworn, which Compleated the whole Court of Aldermen, to Number Twelve, besides the Mayor, which by CHARTER they ought to be: At which (tho' they knew they could no longer prevent it) Mr. *Vineing*, &c. And their Agents and Abettors, were, and still are so Exasperated, and Enraged, that they have ever since meditated on Revenge.

And my CASE I take to be one part of their Revenge; as is Demonstrable from the words in the *Post-Boy* (had I no other Reason to believe so) which runs thus. *That Mr. Stanyford, Master Carpenter to the Ordinance (and then with an Emphasis) and one of the New-made Justices for that Town, did, &c.*

Though

Though I believe I may without Vanity ask any that are Angry at my being so; Whether I am not as fitly Qualified to be an Alderman, or Justice of Peace for this Town, as any of those they desired should be so. And I must, and will let all such know, that though for very good Reasons, I have chang'd Sides, I have not chang'd my Principles; and by the Grace of God, I never will. And I do Declare, That I have no other Aim (nor ever had) but the Service of my QUEEN and Country; and as far as my weak and mean Capacity is Capable, the Support of the CHURCH of ENGLAND, as by Law Established; the whole Constitution in General, and the Good and Welfare of this Town and CORPORATION in Particular. And that had I not been in Hopes of being Instrumental in Composing and Reconciling all the Differences (which some People Delight to keep on foot) in this Town and CORPORATION, I would never have Accepted of being made an Alderman----for which, I am thus Envied.

All that happen'd before the Publication in the *Post-Boy*, did not much Affect or Discompose me; but when I saw the Malice of my Adversaries run so great a length, as to render me Infamous through the Kingdom, without any Provocation in the least; I must confess, I was then very uneasie; and was once more Resolved to Try whether Dr. *Smith* would do me Justice, or not; and thereupon, I wrote him the following Letter.

Portsmouth, Decemb. the 25th, 1710.

SIR,

I Have now got a Copy of that False and Villanous Libel sent to Sir John Gibson against me, which I find to be more Malicious than I was aware of; I therefore desire you will Answer me the following QUESTIONS Impartially; and

and what in your Conscience you believe to be Fact; without any Favour or Affection, or any Reservation whatever.

1st, Did I when I was in Company with you, on Monday the 27th of November last, at Cloak's Coffee-House on the Point, in any respect, Dispute against Her MAJESTIES Title to the Crown?

2^{dly}, Did you then, or at any other time, ever hear me speak any thing disrespectfully of Her MAJESTY?

3^{dly}, Did you then, or at any other time, ever hear me Reflect on any part of the Constitution, either in CHURCH or STATE?

4^{thly}, Did I at that time, or any other in your hearing, ever justify Resistance to the Supream Power in any Case (unless in Cases of extream Necessity, such as was the Late Revolution) or did you ever observe me fond of Arguing on that Topick?

5^{thly}, Did you ever hear me any way endeavour to Aleniate the Duty and Affections of Her MAJESTIES good Subjects from Her SACRED PERSON, or go about to beget misunderstandings among Her People; or do you know any Action of my Life that tended that way?

6^{thly}, Did I at that time in a most insolent manner (as is expres'd in the Post-Boy) tell you, *That you were not fit to live in a Free Country, but in France, or some other Tyrannical Government?*

7^{thly}, Did you ever observe through the whole Course of our long Acquaintance and Conversation, that I ever
did

did in Word or Action, either speak or do any thing unbecoming a Dutiful and Faithful Subject.

As Truth is what I am most willing to stand or fall by, so I desire your Candid Answer to these QUERIES; which will Oblige

Your Humble Servant,

To Dr. William Smith.

Hen. Stanyford.

Though the Doctor refus'd to Sign me the Paper that I offer'd him at that time; telling me I should hear no more of it; and declaring there was nothing contain'd therein, but he could Sign with Safety, and what he would readily Swear to; and which I am sure he may at any time do, without the least wrong to his Conscience. And since such vast Improvements have been made of what was then said at the Coffee-House, and things added, that at that time were neither talk'd nor thought of; I had no reason to doubt of a Particular and Candid Answer, according to my Request; instead of which, the next Day I had the following Letter from Dr. Smith, in Answer to mine.

SIR,

I Always had a great value for your Acquaintance, and should be glad to continue it: If our Conversation hath been a little remiss since our * Trifling Divisions, it is altogether on your part.

* I suppose meaning about Elections, and in the Corporation; tho' I don't know that ever he and I Disagreed about it.

All the time of our long and frequent Conversation, I never heard you speak any thing disrespectful, either of the late KING, or the present QUEEN, nor of the Constitution either in CHURCH or STATE, but behaved your self like an Honest Man, and a Good Subject.

As

As to what Pass'd lately at Cloak's Coffee-House; there were Arguments urg'd by several Persons; there were also many others Present, who can Remember the Expressions of the Particular Persons, better than I can.

As to the Letter sent to Sir John Gibson, and the Advertisement in the Post-Boy, they coming from some Idle Mean Person without any Name; are in my Opinion, of no Consequence at all; and better Silent'd by Neglect and Contempt, than by taking any Notice of them: For which Reasons, I hope I may be Excused from Particulars.

Moreover, I should not forgive my self, if I should find my Name hereafter, either in Writing or Print, about such Dirty and Frivolous Matters, as Anonymous Letters and Advertisements: Wishing You and Yours all Prosperity, I Conclude with all Respect,

Decemb. the 26th, 1710. Sir,

Your Humble Servant,

To Mr. Henry Stanyford.

W. Smith.

The Doctor's Letter doth not Accuse me; nor doth it wholly Excuse me: Unless he brings down the Time of our long and frequent Conversation, to the Day of our last Converse; which was the First of this Instant December: But be that as it will, either I am Guilty of what is Alledged against me, by my Nameless Accusers; Or, I am not Guilty: If not Guilty (as 'tis Demonstrable I am not) I do think it greatly Concerns me to do my self Justice, and not Pass it over (as the Doctor Advises me) with Neglect and Contempt: And if I were Guilty, I do think it a Crime of too deep a Dye, and Especially in me, who am Concern'd with the Government, to be call'd Dirty and Frivolous.

Upon the whole, I Defie any Person Living, to Charge me (with the least Colour of Truth) at that time, or

any other, during the whole Course of my Life; with any Breach of Duty, or good Manners, in all, or any of the foregoing Articles, or Particulars; Or, to shew in any Action of my Life, wherein I have behaved myself unbecoming a Dutiful and Faithful Subject towards my Dread Sovereign, whom I Pray God Long Preserve.

I do think I have some Reason with *David* to Pray; — *Deliver me O Lord from the Evil Man; Preserve me from the Violent Man, which Imagine Mischief in their Hearts Continually, &c.* And Conclude with our *Litany* — *That God would Deliver me — From Envy, Hatred, and Malice, and all Uncharitableness.*

Within a Day or two, after I had Writ my aforesaid Vindication; the following Paper was found Pasted up at the *Market-House*, on the 4th of *January*, 1710. in the Morning; which I Order'd to be taken down, and brought to me, and is as follows.

“Whereas Master *Hen-ne-ry Sta-nyford*, Alias, *Sta-nyforth*, (for that must be his Name, if the Coat of Arms he Bears, be his own) hath Promised a Reward of Twenty Guineas, to any one that shall Discover the Author of a certain Letter, which he calls a Libel: And I, a true Account, &c.

“These are to Give Notice, that the Author is not to be known for so small a Summ: But, if the said *Sta-nyforth*, will Deposit Two Hundred Broad Pieces in the Hands of the Church-Wardens, that shall be next Chosen for this Town; for Placing out Parish-Children; (but to none under the Degree of a Doctor of Physick) the Author will Appear, and Subscribe his Name, in the Place of Z. O.

“ Or

" Or else, if that Fine Gentleman will have Patience,
 " till he be made Surveyor of the Ordnance, or one of
 " Her MAJESTY'S Justices of the Peace of this Coun-
 " ty; (one, or both of which, he has a long time Aim'd
 " at,) he shall have the Satisfaction aforesaid, without a
 " Penny of Money: And till one of these Happen, I
 " would Advise the Squire to set his Heart at Rest; and
 " for some time Retire to his Mannor of Shidfield. Dated
 " in Horn-Court near Cuckolds-Poynt, in the First Year
 " of Freedom.

There needs no great Comment on the said Paper, to
 Illustrate the Malice and Villany of the Author thereof;---
 as well as the Original Libel: For, if any thing were
 ever said, that Amounted to Treason, or a Misdemeanour;
 (the Concealing of which, is Misprision) What Mighty
 Zealots for the Government, and Friends to Her MA-
 JESTY, do they Demonstrate themselves? That
 though (as they Pretend) they Know, and can Prove
 such Offences Committed, yet, will not make Discove-
 ry thereof, without being Hired thereto.

Observing that Dr. Smith was Named, or meant in
 the said Paper, because that in Binding out Parish-Child-
 ren some time before, one of them was intended for
 him: I therefore had Reason to believe, it was Wrote
 by some body who frequently used to Converse with him.
 Whereupon I wrote the Doctor the following Letter,
 and therein Inclosed, sent him a Copy of the aforesaid
 Paper.

Portsmouth, January the 5th, 1710.

SIR,

Inclosed, is one of the most Ridiculous Pieces of Envy, that
 ever I saw; and because it seems to be Wrote by somebody
 that Espouses you, I therefore send you a Copy of the Original,

nal, which Yesterday Morning was found Pasted up at the Market-House: As soon as I was Stirring, I had first one, and then another Messenger to Acquaint me therewith: I then sent my Foreman to take it down, and bring it to me. — Now Judge, whether this Noise ought to be Silenced with Neglect and Contempt? Or, whether I ought not as Publickly to Vindicate my self, as I have been Notoriously, and Publickly Abused? For I Challenge all Mankind to say (with any colour of Truth) that I have given the least Occasion for any such Usage. I wish You and Yours, a Happy New Year, and am

Tour Humble Servant

To Dr. W. Smith.

Hen. Stanyford.

The Seventh of January, I Received the following Letter from Dr. Smith.

January the 7th, 1710.

SIR,
I Was in the Isle of White, the most part of the last Week, and as soon as I came Home, oblig'd to Visit Mr. Franklin; so I could not till now Peruse Yours, with the Inclosed; the Author of which Idle and Rascally Paper, I believe equally a Friend to me and you; for in the Letter to Sir J. G. I was used very Ill, if it may be call'd any usage at all; being without a Name.

I am so far from thinking this Infamous Scribler to Espouse me (as you Phrase it) that I believe him my Worst Enemy; and cannot but Persist in my former Opinion; that Neglect and Contempt, are the only Antidote against such Latent Outrages.

Tours with all Sincerity,

To Mr. H. Stanyford.

W. Smith.

Some

Some time after this, Mr. Newnham told me, that Dr. Smith had Charg'd him with Swearing High Crimes and Misdemeanours against him, in the Affidavit by him made at my Request: Which Mr. Newnham told him, was not true; and that he was Mis-informed, and upon which, Mr. Newnham desired me, either to shew Dr. Smith the Original Affidavit, or send him a Copy thereof: Which I did in the following Letter.

Portsmouth Jan. the 20th, 1710.

SIR,

MR. Newnham tells me, you say that you are Informed from very good Hands, that he had in his Affidavit made at my Request, Sworn High Crimes and Misdemeanours against you, and therefore desired me, to give you a Copy thereof; which is here inclosed, and is Truth, and nothing but Truth; although not the whole Truth.

I have been told by several, that you had made an Exception in your Letter, in Answer to mine of the 25th Past; in these Words (Till now) that is, that I had always (till now) behaved my self like an Honest Man, and a good Subject: and to Convince a certain Gentleman, that that Exception was not made, I was oblig'd the next time I saw him, to shew him your Letter.

I have also been several times told, that you should say, you had done me more Service in this Matter, than I was aware of: If so, I must say, I neither Needed, or Desired any; being well satisfied, that I never gave the least Occasion for any such Aspersions, as have been lately thrown on me: If on any Other occasion, you have been any ways Serviceable to me, I do heartily Return you my Thanks.

I have here sent you my Bill, with a Receipt on the same; and as you have had some Trouble with my Little Ones, &c. some time Past, I have sent you Three Pieces; which, together with my Bill, I hope, will Recompence you: But if not Satisfactory,

factory, I ~~fore~~ you will let me know; being willing and ready to do by you and all Mankind, as I would be done by; and can as freely forgive, as I desire to be forgiven.

And because I am not like to come to the knowledge of my nameless Accusers and Calumniators, I have Sign'd the inclosed Paper; that whoever thinks himself wrong'd thereby, may know where to have recourse for Redress; and am,

Your Humble Servant,

Hen. Stanyford.

Which PAPER so Sign'd, is as follows, (*viz.*)

Whoever says (or hath said) that I ever in any respect Disputed against Her MAJESTIES Title to the Crown, or ever spoke any thing Disrespectfully, either of Her MAJESTY, or Title to the Crown, or any part of the Constitution, either in CHURCH or STATE; or ever offer'd directly or indirectly to Aleniate the Duty and Affection of Her MAJESTIES Good Subjects from Her SACRED PERSON, or go about to beget Misunderstandings among Her People. I do say, that He, She, or They, are Lyars, and base Perfidious Villains; and to this I Subscribe my Name; this 20th of January, 1710.

Hen. Stanyford.

To which Letter and Paper, Dr. Smith sent me the following Answer.

Mr. Stanyford,

I Thought I had given you Satisfaction in that Letter which I composed, with all the Civility I could, without any Exception; if you hearken to idle Rumours, 'tis impossible to be at rest; as to the inclosed, it don't concern me; for I am as much an Enemy to Papers without Names,

as

as any Living; the words at the Coffee-House, were publick, and not private; and to deal plainly, I referr you to Mr. Ward, and Mr. Rice, what they heard a Gentleman say that was Present, as to the words; the Argument it self is Obvious to every Person, and needs no further Comment. The Paper said to be Mr. Newnham's Affidavit, hath several Mistakes and Falsities in it, as the Nature of the thing will evince: But suppose it true, it seems Surprizing, to come to a Neighbours House, with the Notion of Drinking a Glass of Wine, &c. and afterwards to make an Affidavit of what shall pass in Friendly Conversation. I doubt he will not easily Answer that to the World: As to the rest, if you are easie, I am; and am

Your Servant,

Jan. the 23d, 1710.

W. Smith.

In this Letter, the Doctor perfectly justifies me, in saying, he wrote that of the 26th past, without any Exception; and himself he Excuses, from being either directly or indirectly the occasion of that Villanous Libel sent to Sir John Gibson against me; by sending me back the before-mentioned Paper, and saying, it did not concern him: Ergo, He declares thereby, that he never did Accuse me of any Crime contain'd therein, which by many I had been told he had done. In Justice to Mr. Newnham, who had made that Affidavit, which I knew to be very true, I thought my self oblig'd to return an Answer to the Doctor's Letter, which I did, and is as follows.

Portsmouth, Jan. the 24th, 1710.

Dr. Smith,

" I Did not think after my Writing to you of the 20th
 " Instant, ever to have set Pen to Paper more,
 " about that Scandalous Accusation; but yours in An-
 " swer obliges me thereto. " You

“ You therein Referr me to Mr. *Rice*, and Mr. *Ward*,
 “ to know what they heard a Gentleman say, Concern-
 “ ing what pass’d at that time in the *Coffee-House*;
 “ though that you needed not to have done, for none
 “ knows better than your self, what pass’d there at
 “ that time, being present all the while at the Table;
 “ whereas others, in all probability, heard but in
 “ part.

“ Mr. *Rice* by Accident I met with yesterday, who
 “ tells me, he heard a Gentleman say, he happen’d to
 “ be in the *Coffee-House* when that Debate was; but I
 “ don’t find by him, that that Gentleman said any
 “ thing in Confirmation of any part of the Letter sent
 “ to Sir *John Gibson*, or that Malicious Paragraph in
 “ the *Post-Boy*. And as to Mr. *Ward*, I don’t think he
 “ ought to be regarded in this Matter. For he was
 “ pleas’d to tell Mr. *John White*, That Three Persons had
 “ Sign’d to the Truth of what was alledg’d against me, and
 “ that one of them was a Navy-Clerk. But being ask’d
 “ a Day or two after by Mr. *Wahupe*, one of the Navy-
 “ Clerks about it, and who that Navy-Clerk was, he
 “ utterly deny’d that ever he said any such thing.

“ As to Mr. *Newnham*’s Affidavit, I was an Ear Wit-
 “ ness to all that is contain’d therein; and do say it is
 “ Truth, without reserve; tho’ you say there are Mi-
 “ stakes and Falsities in it; and I defie you to lay your
 “ Finger on any one Line or Sentence in the whole, and
 “ make it appear to be false, either from the nature of
 “ the thing, as you hint, or otherwise.

“ As to its being Surprizing (if true) that he should
 “ make an Affidavit of what happen’d at any Gentle-
 “ man’s House in Friendly Conversation; I believe that
 “ will be easily Answer’d to the World; and will (if
 “ Published) no doubt justifie it self to all Mankind; if
 “ what follows, be duly Consider’d, (*viz.*)

First,

“ *First*, That my Reputation and Employment, and
 “ for ought I know, my Life was struck at.

“ *Secondly*, That though it was by a Nameless Au-
 “ thor, yet you were named therein, as a Person that
 “ both could and would Corroborate and Confirm that
 “ Cursed Accusation against me.

“ *Thirdly*, Your refusing to Sign me the Paper I de-
 “ sir’d you to Sign, (which in Justice you ought to have
 “ done, and which I could not have once thought you
 “ would have denied) to obviate that Hellish Accusa-
 “ tion against me; and at the same time saying, *it*
 “ *contain’d nothing but Truth, and what you would readily*
 “ *Swear, if Legally call’d to it.* And considering, that by
 “ you I was either to be Justified, or Condemn’d; and
 “ that your refusing me that Certificate, was by many
 “ Interpreted as a Confirmation of my Guilt. I there-
 “ fore thought it highly reasonable to justify my self
 “ by the Affidavits of those then present; who are
 “ Persons whose Reputations I never yet heard ques-
 “ tion’d; and do think that part of Mr. *Newnham’s* Af-
 “ fidavit, that relates to what happen’d at your House,
 “ was very material for my Justification; and in it
 “ self (being pure Fact) justifiable to the World.

I am Yours,

Hen. Stanyford.

I did not desire or expect any Answer from Dr. *Smith*
 to this Letter; but on the 29th of *January*, I Receiv’d
 one from him, Dated the 27th, which is as follows.

E

SIR,

Jan. the 27th, 1710.

SIR,

I Must own I have had many Years a good Respect
for Mr. *Stanyford*, and would readily do you any
Effectual Service; but must insist that there are Mi-
stakes and Misrepresentations in the Paper said to be
Mr. *Newnham's* Affidavit---for 1st, the Words in Sir
J. G's. Letter are, *Hereditary Title*, and not *Title in Gene-
ral*; which is an Equivocation----And 2^{dly}, That I
should say, *all contain'd in the Paper annexed was true*,
when I never Read the Paper. Moreover, that you, nor
any others did use that Expression, mention'd either in
the Letter, or P. B. that I could not say; for it ap-
pears one in the Company, when the Arguments were
invalid, said, *I ought rather to be a French Slave, than an
English Subject*. If Law Assert the Prerogative, Non-
Coercive Power of the People, either Seperately or Con-
junctly over the Prince, and also declares Hereditary
Succession, then the Person that made that Violent and
Outrageous Return, must be Disputing against what
the Law asserts; which must be either explicitly or
implicitly the Doctrine of Resistance, and the like.
Which is clear from a Quotation another made, *That
there was a Law justifying Resistance*. This I think doth
beyond Contradiction, demonstrate it from the Na-
ture of the thing.

There is also a Mistake in that Paper, where it
Relates to Sir *John Gibson*.

You say your Reputation, your Employment, yea,
your Life were concern'd (which indeed are very Va-
luable things) which induc'd you to influence Mr.
Newnham to make this violation of good Manners and
Civility. Then I beg leave to enforce one Argument,
which shall for ever conclude me writing more in this
Matter.

If

‘ If Papers were of that Importance as above-mention’d,
 ‘ and I was referr’d to, in order to corroborate and con-
 ‘ firm the Charge (tho’ the Rascal did not put his Name)
 ‘ when Sir *John Gibson* was conjur’d to enquire into it;
 ‘ he in Honour and Duty was oblig’d to ask Questions
 ‘ about it; who did it like a Person of Honour and Fi-
 ‘ delity. Then I say, if out of respect to you, I de-
 ‘ clin’d giving any Evidence in it, the Conclusion is very
 ‘ plain, that I acted the part of a very good Friend and
 ‘ Neighbour, altho’ in yours, you disclaim that.

‘ Now to conclude, I referr you once more to Mr.
 ‘ *Rice*, and Mr. *Ward*; and if that be not Satisfactory, I
 ‘ referr you to Sir *John Gibson* himself, what he heard
 ‘ that Gentleman say that was present at the *Coffee-*
 ‘ *House*. If you have any more to say on this Business,
 ‘ let it be done in a Friendly Debate; for I am Resolved
 ‘ to write no more hereafter; and am with the same
 ‘ Respect,

Sir,

Your Humble Servant,

W. Smith.

Immediately on the Receipt of the above-said Letter,
 I wrote to Dr. *Smith* as follows.

Portsmouth, January the 29th, 1710.

SIR,

I Just now Receiv’d yours; for Answer, I should be glad
 to give you a Meeting; therefore please to appoint the
 Time and Place, and I will wait on you; where I make no
 doubt but to Convince you that every word Sworn by Mr.
Newnham is true, and that you knew every word contain’d
 in the Paper I desir’d you to Sign. Your Compliance will
 Oblige

Your Humble Servant,

Hen. Stanyford.

I then drew up the following Answer to Dr. *Smith's* Letter, not with design of sending it to him, but in order to shew him, or Read to him, when ever we should meet on this Occasion, (*viz.*)

January the 29th, 1710.

In Answer to Dr. Smith's LETTER of the 27th Instant.

First, **W**Hen Mr. *Newnham* made his Affidavit, I had not a Copy of Sir *John Gibson's* Letter, only an Intimation of my Accusation, and but in part the Contents thereof; therefore in Relation to the same, I could desire no more of the Persons who made Affidavits at that time, than to Swear that they did not hear me speak any thing unmannerly or disrespectful either of Her MAJESTY, or Her Title to the Crown, or any part of the Constitution, either in CHURCH or STATE, and which they well knew I did not; and therefore readily made the aforesaid Affidavits.

Secondly, If Her MAJESTY enjoys Her Crown by Virtue of Her Hereditary Right, which I never yet heard Objected, then the Disputing against Her MAJESTIES Hereditary Right, is (without Equivocation) a Disputing against Her Title to the Crown. But I do say, That Her MAJESTIES Right, either Hereditary or Parliamentary at that time whilst I was there, was no part of the Debate.

Thirdly, That Mr. *Newnham* (as you say) could not say on his Oath (as he did) that you should say and own

' own, all contain'd in the Paper I offer'd you to Sign was
 ' True, because you did not Read it.----- For Answer-----
 ' He nor I don't say you did; but both he and I do know,
 ' that you heard me Read it; and that you did own and
 ' acknowledge every Word contain'd therein, to be true;
 ' and say, you would Swear the same, when Legally
 ' call'd thereto.

Fourthly, ' As to any thing contain'd in the Letter sent
 ' to Sir John Gibson, or in the Post-Boy, being true; as
 ' appears by any one then Present in the Coffee-Room;
 ' that don't excuse you in not Signing the Paper I desired
 ' you to Sign; unless you had known your self, that
 ' I had (as was alledged) unmannerly Disputed a-
 ' gainst Her M A J E S T I E S Hereditary Right and
 ' Title, &c. which you told me you never heard from
 ' me (nor any one else at that time) and which you
 ' have since Confirm'd under your Hand, so far as Re-
 ' lates to me.

Fifthly, ' I don't Remember that any one told you,
 ' that *You ought rather to be a French Slave, than an*
 ' *English Subject*; which you intimate, was done in
 ' a Violent and Outrageous manner. Certainly, if any
 ' such thing had happen'd, you could not have taken
 ' it kindly from the Person that made that. Return;
 ' and yet you cannot say, that the least Angry word
 ' pass'd in the whole Converse; and must acknowledge,
 ' as you have already done, to me; that the whole De-
 ' bate was altogether Innocent, Accidental, Neighbour-
 ' ly, and Friendly, and without any Design.

Sixthly, ' You don't need to referr to others, for what
 ' was then Argued there; your self being as good a Judge
 ' of what was then said, and by whom, as any one:
 Being

‘ Being all the while Present at the Table, (as I before
 ‘ Intimated to you) whereas others heard but in Part.

Seventhly, ‘ The Affidavits, made by Mr. *Newnham*, Mr.
 ‘ *Farington*, and Mr. *Hammond*: I do think, were highly
 ‘ Necessary for my Defence; (if Occasion) who was the
 ‘ only Person Aim’d at: As is Demonstrable from the
 ‘ whole Proceeding against me. And I do say, they
 ‘ Readily made the same; with a just Abhorrence of that
 ‘ Villanous Accusation; without any other Trouble to
 ‘ Influence them, then barely my Request.

Eighthly, ‘ As to Mr. *Newnham*’s Violation of Civility and
 ‘ good Manners, in Swearing to Fact: If ever it should
 ‘ Appear in the World, and the Necessity and Reasona-
 ‘ bleness thereof, then let all Impartial People Judge,
 ‘ wherein either is Violated.

Ninthly, ‘ As to Sir *John Gibson*’s Management in this
 ‘ matter (if known) I Presume, would not Appear
 ‘ much in my Favour: But that I shall not Trouble my
 ‘ self about: But for you to say, you Declined giving any
 ‘ Evidence to Sir *John Gibson* in this matter, out of Re-
 ‘ spect to me; is Plainly declaring me Guilty, of what
 ‘ was Alledged in that Scandalous Libel against me:
 ‘ Which I have all along utterly Defied you, or any one
 ‘ Breathing, to Convi&ct me off, without Perjury: And
 ‘ is instead of being Neighbourly, and Friendly, the ut-
 ‘ most Dis-service you could do me therein: And I do
 ‘ still say, I desire no Favour from you on this Account;
 ‘ nor did I ever Ask any thing of you relating thereto;
 ‘ but what in Justice you might, and ought to have
 ‘ Done.

It was the 11th of *February* following, before I heard any more from Dr. *Smith*: Other than one Evening, about a Week before; He sent his Servant to Acquaint me, He was going out of Town, but should be glad to see Mr. *Sloan* and me at his House some other Evening; which seem'd to me, as if an Appointment had been made, which I knew nothing of: However, the above-said 11th of *February*, Dr. *Smith* was at Mr. *William Sloan's*, at which time Mr. *Sloan* sent for me, and by the Messenger acquainted me, that Dr. *Smith* was there (I suppose by his Consent) I thereupon went Home, and took with me, all his Letters to me, and all the Copies of mine to him, and a Manuscript I had wrote with intent to Publish in my own Vindication; being the former Part of this Book, and went with the same to Mr. *Sloan's* accordingly, where I found Dr. *Smith*, Mr. *Hart*, and another Gentleman (a stranger to me) together with Mr. *Sloan*: I for some time said nothing to Dr. *Smith*, nor he to me, relating to this matter, thinking it not proper because of the Stranger: But Mr. *Sloan* in a little time spoke thus; *This Gentleman (says he) is a stranger to your matters, but a very worthy Gentleman, just now Landed from Ireland, so that you need not deferr what you have to say, on account of his being here.*

I then took out my Papers, and desired the said Gentleman to Read the Copy of the Letter, or Libel sent to Sir *John Gibson*; which indeed he would have excused himself from, as being no way Concerned; but I prevail'd with him to Read it, and then told him, I was that *Stanyford* therein Accused; and that that was Dr. *Smith* (pointing to him) therein mention'd, as the Person that both could and would Corroborate and Confirm that Accusation; and then we proceeded in our Discourse about that matter.

And

And first, I Read to Dr. *Smith*, the whole Tract or Manuscript that I had wrote in my own Vindication, in the Presence and Hearing of the Gentleman, Mr. *Sloan*, and Mr. *Hart*; and when I came to that Passage in the Fifth Page, wherein I say, I am fully Convinced that whatever was said there, by any one then in Company, might have been spoke in *Westminster-Hall*, or in the QUEENS Presence, without the least Offence.

To which Dr. *Smith* said, ----- *That's true.*

And when I Read over that part of my Defence, which contains the Discourse between him and me only: I Asked him, whether he could object against the Truth of what I had there wrote? He answer'd, ----- *No*, ----- and readily acknowledg'd, that it was the Sense and Substance of what had then pass'd between us.

And when I had Read over all that I had wrote, concerning what pass'd between him and me, before Mr. *Newnham*; I then Appeal'd to him for the Truth thereof; the greatest part of which he readily Acknowledged to be true; but at some small matters he made a little Hesitation, and said, as he had formerly declared, *He would give Twenty Pounds to know the Author*, of that Scandalous Libel: So now he did declare, *That he would give Thirty Pounds to know who he was, and that he believed* (as he had formerly said) *that it was done by some Malicious Rascal, only to create a Misunderstanding between him and me.* I then went through the whole, and then Asked him, What part thereof he could object against, as not Truth? And whether Directly or Indirectly, he knew me Guilty of any of those things laid to my Charge?

To which he answer'd, ----- *How could he say as was contain'd in the Paper I desired him to Sign; that I (nor any one else, as he observed) did not, &c. Whereas something of Hereditary Right was Talk't of by somebody; though he was satisfied, it was not whilst I was there; and therefore could not*
Sign

Sign the said Paper at my Request, or say it was true, as is alledg'd. To which I Answer'd, by asking him whether he did not hear me Read that Paper at that time, and whether he did not then acknowledge it to be Truth, without Exception. All which, before Mr. Sloan, and Mr. Hart, &c. he could not deny. I then ask'd him, Whether ever he made any Objection at the time I Read the Paper to him, against these words contain'd therein (or any one else that I observ'd) *He acknowledg'd he did not.* I then told him, I had no occasion to Vindicate others; and that had he made the least Objection against that part of the Certificate, I would readily have Raz'd that out. But his Answer was, *I would not give him time, I came away so abruptly.* Tho' I am sure we were there more than an Hour, and came Leasurely away, Discourfing all the time down Stairs, and quite out of his Doors.

Dr. Smith then said (or seem'd to say) *there was a Mistake in Mr. Newnham's Affidavit, as well as in my Manuscript, where it Relates to Sir John Gibson.*

I desired to know what that was——He Answer'd, *That we assert that he said he refused to Sign a Paper that Sir John Gibson offer'd him to Sign, relating to this Matter; whereas Sir John Gibson never offer'd him any Paper.*——Upon which, I Reply'd——*Did you not urge as a Reason for your denying to Sign for me, That you had refused Signing on the other Side, at the Request of Sir John Gibson, and because you would not involve your self into any Controversie with him.*——To which, he Answer'd——*Indeed Sir John Gibson did ask him Whether he could or would Sign to the Truth of what was alledg'd? and that he had said he refus'd to Sign on the other Side at the Request of Sir John Gibson.* But insisted, that Sir John Gibson did not offer him

him any Paper.---Indeed I was Surpriz'd at Dr. *Smith's* Reasonings; and ask'd if I should pray the favour of him to give me a Letter of Recommendation to any Friend, and he should deny me, whether it would not amount to the same thing, as if I had brought him a Letter ready wrote for the same Purpose, and be then deny'd.

Observing that Dr. *Smith* seem'd to insist (though not positively) that Hereditary Right was mention'd at that time by some body then present, tho' he could not say it was whilst I was in Company. I then told him, That I had good Reason to believe that he had been the principal Occasion of that Villanous Libel against me, and indeed of all that follow'd thereupon; though I could not suppose that he Originally Design'd the same. And then told the Doctor what follows, (*viz.*) That I was well assur'd that Mr. *Brown* and himself had about Eight or Ten Days before, had an Accidental Discourse in the same *Coffee-House*, when I was not there, or knew any thing of it: At which time (as I was Inform'd) Her MAJESTIES Hereditary Right, the Succession, &c. was mention'd; which he Agreed was true.

I then told him, that a Gentleman of Reputation, belonging to Her MAJESTIES Navy, told me, that he happened to be in Company about that time, where Dr. *Smith* had been but just before; which Company told him, and another Gentleman (who was not there when Dr. *Smith* was) that Dr. *Smith* had been there; and told them, that he had been that Day Disputing with Mr. *Brown* the **Presbyterian Parson**, Mr. *Hen. Stanyford*, and others, at *Cloak's Coffee-House*, on the Topicks of Resistance, Hereditary Right, &c. And although the Gentleman would not plainly tell me all that

that Dr. *Smith* had said then in that Company concerning me; and beg'd me, for good Reasons to himself, to Excuse him from telling me where it was, and who was then in Company; yet thus much he did assure me, That what Dr. *Smith* did then say, did in effect amount to what was contain'd in the Libel; and that he believ'd Dr. *Smith* had been the Occasion of the whole, by his Discourse there at that time. And then told me, that upon the Repeating what Dr. *Smith* had before said in that Company. A certain Person then present Reply'd, *Did Dr. Smith say so, and will he own it?* to which somebody made Answer — *Yes, — no doubt but he will;* who then Reply'd, *By G---d if Dr. Smith don't own it to Morrow, I will Nose him; and By G---d if he does own it, Stanyford shall Answer it; or to that effect.* From whence it may be Concluded, that whoever it was that Express'd himself in this manner, he was, or knew who was the Author of the Letter to Sir *John Gibson*, the Paragraph in the *Post-Boy*, and the Paper afterwards fix'd up at the *Market-House*; without considering that Sentence of *David*; *That whoso privily slandereth his Neighbour, should be destroyed.*

I then told Dr. *Smith*, that I believ'd he had been vauntingly Boasting what a Champion he had been in such and such Arguments; and that he had without Consideration, jumbled the Discourse he had some time before with Mr. *Brown*, concerning Hereditary Right, together with the Debate that happen'd when I was in Company; which was sufficient with some Malicious Persons, to make me in their esteem, Guilty of the whole — tho' wholly Innocent. — All which, I told the Doctor, I believ'd he had done, without considering the Consequence.

To which he Answer'd, *That it was true, he was at Mr. Bird's at Dock about that time, and that several Gentlemen were there; and that he did talk of what happen'd in the Coffee-House, but that he did not Accuse me therein; and then after a little pause said, That could not be the Occasion of the Letter sent to Sir John Gibson; because it was a Day or two after the Letter was sent, that he was at Mr. Birds in that Company, Discoursing of the same — The Truth of which, others may know better than I.*

I then ask'd Dr. Smith concerning the Person, about whom, he referr'd me to Mr. Rice, Mr. Ward, &c. and desired to know what it was that he had said relating thereto. Who told me (as Mr. Rice had done) *That it was one Mr. Purcell, who happen'd to be then in the Coffee-House; who said he did hear some body there say, that he (Dr. Smith) was fitter to live in France, than in a Free-Country, or something to that purpose, but could not exactly remember the words; and that he believ'd it was I.* — I remember I told Dr. Smith, that when he was Arguing for *Passive Obedience and Non-Resistance* in so high a manner, and without any Exception whatever, He was Arguing for an Absolute Arbitrary and Despotick Power; or something like it. — And then ask'd the Doctor, Whether I had given him any Occasion in that Discourse to be Angry? or whether any thing pass'd at that time, that was any way like Reflection? who Reply'd — *Not any thing* — I then ask'd him, Whether he should have taken it kindly of me, or any one else, to have been told in an Insolent and Outrageous manner, that he ought rather to be a *French Slave*, than an *English Subject*. — To which he Answer'd — *That to be sure he should not.*

Ergo,

Ergo no such Reflection was made, since not one angry word pass'd between any there at that time, as he himself acknowledged.

Then I said to him, suppose it true, as is express'd in the *Post-Boy*, That I had told you, *you were not fit to live in a Free Country, but in France, or some other Tyrannical Government*—yet what Relation has that to my Accusation, or wherein does it interfere with Mr. *Newnham's* Affidavit—the Accusation being Dated the 28th of November, 1710. — Mr. *Newnham's* Affidavit made the 5th of December—and that in the *Post-Boy*, not coming out till the 21st of December; and that I was conscious to my self that I never did say any such thing to him.—Which he very readily acknowledg'd he could not Charge me with.

After I had Read over to him my Answer, which I had drawn up to his Letter of the 27th of January last, I ask'd him whether he could Object against any part thereof? to which, Dr. *Smith* made very little Answer; only seem'd to insist, *That he had been Serviceable to me in this Matter; and that in declining the giving Evidence to Sir John Gibson therein, he had acted the part of a good Friend and Neighbour.*—Upon which, I told him—That a greater Argument he could not think of, or contrive, to perswade the World that I was or am really Guilty.—And therefore before Mr. *Sloane* and Mr. *Hart*, I demanded of him, Whether he knew me Guilty of any thing contain'd in the Libel Sent to Sir *John Gibson*, or that Publication in the *Post-Boy*—To which he frankly Answer'd, *He did not, and that he could not Charge me therewith; and that he was fully satisfied, that when Hereditary Right was talk'd of, I was not there.*

And knowing that a Copy of that False and Malicious Libel had been sent to General *Erle*, he was pleas'd to tell

tell me, *That if I desired it, he would Write to the General to satisfy him therein; that so I might not be prejudiced thereby.* To which I Answer'd----*That I never intended to desire any such thing of him, or did I believe I should stand in need thereof----*and that had he done, as in Justice he ought (without any respect to Favour or Friendship, or long and familiar Acquaintance) an effectual Stop had been put thereto in the beginning.

I have some Reason to believe, that Dr. *Smith* had talk'd a little too Largely in the beginning about this Matter; and therefore might be unwilling to Certifie under his Hand that I was Innocent; tho' he well knew I was so; lest I should make use of the same in my own Justification; and thereby become Publick, and Consequently be known to those, whom he before had Conversed with on this Subject.

✍️ “ I had laid by all thoughts of PRINTING the foregoing Sheets; and indeed had not now Resolv'd on the doing thereof; had I not lately Observ'd, That through the Malicious Insinuations of some of my Adversaries, and their False and Base Representations of me, many are Imposed on; who, (I have Reason to believe) from thence, entertain an Ill Opinion of me, tho' very undeservedly, and who cannot well be undeceiv'd therein; without the Knowledge of what hath Occasioned the same.

FINIS.

